



# MARYLAND Department of Health

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## Event: 2017 Rural Health Conference

**Thursday - Friday, October 5 - 6, 2017**

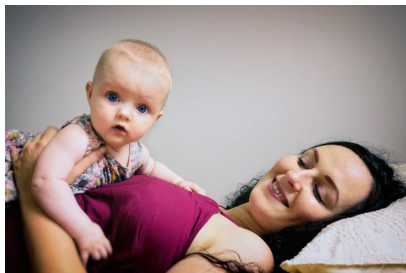
The Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) will host the 2017 Maryland Rural Health Conference, "Accelerating Change in Rural Maryland: Upstream and Downstream Strategies. This conference aims to support and connect rural health stakeholders towards a unified mission for improving rural health. The conference will gather rural health leaders in the public, private, and non-profit sectors to discuss the major health issues facing rural Maryland. Past conference attendees have pointed toward the value of illustrating data-driven and evidence-based public health and community level practices as most useful to participants. Early bird registration ends July 31st.



For more information, click [here](#). For more information about improving access to health care in rural Maryland, visit the MDH Office of Population Health Improvement (OPHI) State Office of Rural Health program [here](#).

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## Webinar: Best Practices to Improve Maternal Immunization



**Monday, August 7, 2017**

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) will present a webinar titled, "Best Practices to Improve Maternal Immunization."

This webinar aims to discuss the importance and provide current recommendations for maternal immunizations. The presenters will also share practical advice for incorporating immunizations into an

obstetrician-gynecologist practice. Additionally, immunization resources from both the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and AOCG will be highlighted, including patient education materials and health care provider tools.

Continuing Medical Education credits may be available for participants of this webinar. For more information, click [here](#). For more information on Maryland Department of Health's Maternal and Child Health Programs, please visit [here](#).

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## Webinar: Reducing Breast Cancer Disparities at the State Level

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017**

The Association of State and Territorial Health

Officials (ASTHO) will host a webinar titled, "Reducing Breast Cancer Disparities at the State Level." In fall 2015, ASTHO gathered a Breast Cancer Disparities Learning Community with state health department breast and cervical cancer programs from Arizona, Tennessee, and West Virginia to identify and close breast cancer disparities. This webinar will feature presentations from all three state teams that describe the breast cancer disparities in their states, the health care and community partners involved, and key successes in reducing breast cancer disparities. Attendees of the webinar will receive the ASTHO Breast Cancer Disparities Online Toolkit, an electronic repository of lessons learned from the ASHTO Breast Cancer Disparities Learning Community.



For more information, click [here](#). For more information about MDH's Cancer Programs, please visit MDH's Prevention and Health Promotion Administration's [Center for Cancer Control and Prevention](#).

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## **Webinar: Heart Disease Risk Among African Immigrants**

***Friday, August 11, 2017***

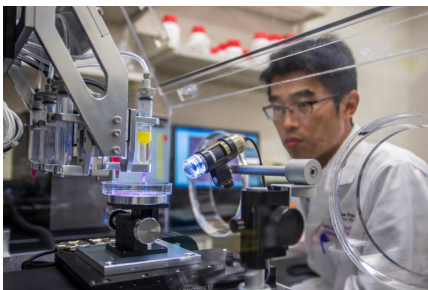
The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing will present a webinar titled, "Heart Disease Risk Factors among African Immigrants Residing in the United States." The presenters of this webinar will discuss current research on heart disease risk factors in African immigrants in the United States, the role of acculturation on heart health, and clinical and public health strategies that might improve the heart health of African immigrants.



For more information, click [here](#). For more information about MDH health disparities programming, visit the Minority Health and Health Disparities programs [here](#).

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## **Event: Health Disparities Research Institute**



***Monday - Friday, August 14 - 18, 2017***

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities will host the "Health Disparities Research Institute." This event seeks to support the research career development of promising minority health/health disparities research scientists early in their careers as well as stimulate research in the disciplines supported by health disparities science.

This event will feature lectures, seminars, and small group discussions on the following topics:

- Research design and measurement approaches;
- Population science and health disparities;
- Intervention Science methods;
- Healthcare disparities and outcomes research;
- Community-based participatory research; and,
- Grant writing and mock grant review.

For more information, click [here](#). For more information on Maryland Department of Health's Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities please visit [here](#).

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